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A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a building facade, possibly a train car or industrial structure, with a large, dark, rectangular opening in the center. The image is heavily stylized with high contrast, showing a dark, textured surface on the left and a lighter, more detailed section on the right. The central opening is a solid black rectangle. The overall appearance is grainy and abstract, with some horizontal lines suggesting a window or a door frame.

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b. Effective 15 July 1949, the Minister shall be responsible for maintenance of adequate supply in all cooperative stores established for the benefit of miners.

4. The Ministry of Finance shall make available a sum of 30 million won by 10 July 1949 for construction of homes for miners. The chairman of the National Planning Committee shall ration and distribute building materials for construction of miners' homes at a price set by the government.

5. The Ministry of Commerce, to aid house construction for laborers, shall institute a system of credit loans according to the following principles:

a. Model workers shall be given preference in obtaining a home loan.

b. The amount of a loan varies from 10,000 to 15,000 won, and may be given in two or three installments.

c. Mining authorities and mines are required to enter into home-building contracts which provide that the projected house construction must be completed within a year.

d. A loan must be repaid to the lending agency in 4 years.

6. With respect to the need for replacement and improvement, a survey of miners' work clothes, rubber boots, and other necessities must be completed by 1 July 1949. The chairman of the National Planning Committee, the Minister of Industry, and the Minister of Labor shall be responsible for this survey.

7. The government shall distribute 4 tons of coal to each miner's family at a special price and the government shall pay the freight.

8. Boys and girls of all mine workers who are attending schools above the junior high school grade shall be given a scholarship of 200 won each. When there is a school within 10 kilometer radius of the mining area, no miner shall be permitted to transfer to another mine because of school facilities.

9. In the event any miner, engineer, or technician who worked continually for 15 or more years loses his earning power due to illness or old age, such employees shall receive the following benefits:

a. The worker and his family shall receive the same medical treatment and other economic benefits from the state organizations that regular workers enjoy.

b. Children of such workers, upon completion of elementary grades, shall receive special state aid toward their higher education.

10. When a mine foreman with 15 or more years continuous service becomes too old to work, or a miner, engineer, or a technician with 20 or more years continuous service reaches unproductive old age, the state shall assume responsibility of their livelihood for the rest of their lives.

11. The North Korea People's Committee Ordinance No 208 (pertaining to special treatment of underground miners) is rescinded; however, the proviso of free distribution of 500 grams of rice per day and 2 kilograms of beef per month to model miners remains in force.

12. The Ministry of Industry shall be responsible for drawing up a workable program under which it will be possible for the miners to raise as many hogs, chickens, and other domestic animals as possible, and to promote cultural activities within all working places.

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13. All necessary details to implement Cabinet Decision No 60 must be completed by all responsible offices by 15 July 1949, including complete notification of this decision to all individual miners throughout North Korea.

14. This decision shall be effective on 1 August 1949.

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Kim Il-song, Premier
Pak Im-son, for the Minister of Labor.

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